

Göttingen, 10 Dec. 1857.

looking your remarkable observation
on the one-celled authors of Rheina,
discussed by R. Brown.

Lately I had a letter from our friend
N. Engelmann: it appears, that he
intends spending some of the winter-
months in Italy.

Love yours, very affectionately
A. Griseb.

My Dear A. Gray,

It is only to-day, that I get your
letter of Oct. 20., having left Kew before that
time: neither have the plants as yet arrived,
as by a peculiar misfortune they were landed
erroneously at Havre and are now, as I am
informed by the Bremen agent, under sail
from France to that place. Thus the wishes
will perhaps pass away, without my being able
to examine the Cuba plants, if they do not,
what I still hope, come in before the ice
settling in the river of Bremen. When I get
in due time your letter of Oct. 27., sent
by the same steamer, by which you
informed me, that I had to pay 36th
for Feather's plants to Mr. Rötting, I
forwarded this sum to my brother
residing at Hamburg, but I have

season to hope, that, in due con-
sideration of the present and unparalled
state of the Hanbury estate, by which
as yet about sixty houses have suspended
payment, my brother has that money
still in his hands: I write to beg
for it, and shall then care about
finding out a safe way, to pay
the whole sum, now mentioned, of
£. 25. 13 for Fenster's and Wright's plants
to Prof. Harvey, Dublin. But this is
just now not an easy matter, all
checks from German banking-houses
having now a chance of being protested
in England. I shall therefore apply
to our Hanoverian ambassador in
London, to send the money to
Dublin, and you will excuse, if
some unavoidable delay should occur.

My stay at New was very inter-
esting and I am now engaged in
working out the Westfordian Melae

stomatae, in which the genera require a
new settlement, Naudin's work, though other-
wise praiseworthy, being excessively weak
in that point. The examination of the flower-
bud seems to present good characters in
the trilocular, the hanging part of the
filament, jointed usually by articulation with
the erect one, existing in some and wanting
in others, and the anthers reaching either
to the bottom of calyx or only to the ovary.
What is your opinion about the morpho-
logical nature of that hanging part? is
it to be considered as a part of the
filament or a tail of the connective,
analogous to that protruding, real tail
in the incumbent stamens of many Rhe-
xiacae? If you like to investigate into
this question, pray compare Spennard
with such species of Trilocular (Panicum
&c.), in which there is a developed hanging
part of the filament. How much Naudin
has neglected the structure of stamens, there
is a remarkable instance in his over-